



IEP-aligned support with Bookshare

Accessible books. Empowered learners. Aligned IEP goals.



★ Bookshare tools that support IEP accommodations

Bookshare offers built-in tools and flexible formats that help students access content and participate fully in learning.

IEP ACCOMODATION LANGUAGE	CORRESPONDING BOOKSHARE TOOL	HOW THE TOOL MEETS THE ACCOMODATION
 Text-to-Speech Software	Web or Mobile Reader	Built-in text-to-speech allows students to listen to text while following along visually, reducing decoding demands and supporting comprehension.
 Provide Audiobooks	Human Narrated Books / AI- Voiced Books and MP3s	Offers both human-narrated and digitally voiced audio versions of books for accessible content delivery.
 Present material visually and auditorily	Web or Mobile Reader	Combines audio output with on-screen text and images for simultaneous visual and auditory access.
 Offer assignment choices / options	Settings	Students can customize audio, text, display, spacing, and color options based on individual needs and preferences.
 Provide a visual tracker	Highlighter	Word- and sentence-level highlighting supports tracking text during reading or listening.
 Use large print / provide enlarged text	Settings - Text Size	Text can be resized significantly within the Reader, eliminating the need for separate large-print materials.
 Reduce margins / adjust spacing	Settings - Margins, Line & Character Spacing	Adjustable spacing and margins improve readability and support visual processing.
 Provide color overlay / high-contrast materials	Settings – Color	Background, text, and highlight colors can be customized for visual comfort and clarity.
 Reduce sensory distractions	Web or Mobile Reader & Settings	Students can adjust or minimize audio and visual features to reduce overload and maintain focus.
 Scaffold for comprehension	File Downloads	Text can be copied or downloaded (Word, MP3) to create scaffolded supports such as study guides or modified materials.
 Allow flexible groupings	Web or Mobile Reader	Supports independent, small-group, or whole-class reading alongside traditional print materials.
 Provide materials in alternate formats	File Download Options	Materials are available in EPUB, DAISY, MP3, Word, and Braille-ready formats.
 Allow screen readers or switch access	Web or Mobile Reader	Compatible with screen-reading software and switch-activated devices.
 Provide Braille versions of materials	File Download (BRF)	Braille Ready Files support refreshable Braille displays and embossers.



Empowering students with equal access to reading.
Every learner. Every book. Every opportunity.



An IEP or 504 plan are not required to access Bookshare



IEP- aligned Implementation Checklist

This checklist can assist IEP teams and educators in ensuring Bookshare is effectively utilized to meet student needs:



Reading & Access Supports

- ☐ Student has a Bookshare account.
- ☐ Student is familiar with the Bookshare Reader.
- ☐ Student can download content in their preferred format.
- ☐ Student has access to assistive technology compatible with Bookshare.
- ☐ Student can utilize audiobook features.



Visual & Print Accommodations

- ☐ Margins and spacing adjustments are met.
- ☐ Large print needs are met through zoom/font size adjustments.
- ☐ Visual tracking is supported by synchronized highlighting.
- ☐ Color contrast/overlay/tinting needs are addressed via color themes.



Format & Access Needs

- ☐ Materials are available in alternate formats as required.
- ☐ Screen reader compatibility confirmed when needed.
- ☐ Switch-access compatibility confirmed when needed.
- ☐ Eye-gaze compatibility confirmed when needed.
- ☐ Braille-ready files are available when required.



Instructional Flexibility

- ☐ Bookshare is used for independent, small-group, or inclusive reading.
- ☐ Student has access to differentiated reading assignments.
- ☐ Student has option to re-read or listen to content multiple times.



Student Choice & Personalization

- ☐ Student can adjust voice, speed, and audio output.
- ☐ Student can modify font, size, spacing, and color themes.
- ☐ Student can choose between TTS and human-read audiobooks.
- ☐ Student can select reading materials based on interest and reading level.



Sensory & Attention Supports

- ☐ Interface is set to preferences or to reduce distraction.
- ☐ Visual elements simplified to reduce cognitive load.
- ☐ Auditory output is set to preferences or turned off to reduce distraction.
- ☐ Student's surrounding environment is suitable for their learning needs.



Why Bookshare?

Bookshare gives students with reading disabilities easy access to the books they need - in formats that work for them, anytime, anywhere.



Accessible Anytime



Works on any device



Private & Secure



Supports Learning



Learn more at www.bookshare.org



Access. Inclusion. Empowerment.